

**STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE: SOO GREEN HVDC LINK PROJECTCO, LLC	DOCKET NO. E-22436 REVISED SCHEDULING PROPOSAL
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On November 30, 2020, SOO Green requested a scheduling conference. At that time, SOO Green included as part of the request a proposed schedule based on the information available to SOO Green at that time.

As the Board is likely aware, many transmission and interconnecting generation projects have experienced delays due to backlogs in regional transmission operator (RTO) reviews, or due to working through upgrades identified in those reviews. After the Request for Scheduling Conference was filed, PJM notified SOO Green that due to the extensive volume of projects filed for studies, it would take significantly longer to conduct the studies required for the SOO Green project than originally estimated.

After considering its options¹, SOO Green believes the best course is to push all dates in the proposed schedule back approximately 12 months. Because Iowa Code chapter 478 does not mandate a time for completion of a franchise case, but it does limit how long a franchise is valid before construction begins (see Iowa Code § 478.21 regarding nonuse), it would be potentially problematic to complete the franchise process long before PJM's review is complete. Moreover, the PJM study may result in engineering modifications that would be easier to reflect in the

¹ SOO Green had Board of Directors meeting scheduled to discuss the PJM changes internally on February 11, 2021, which was the reason SOO Green asked to move the scheduling conference, so we would have adequate time to work out a new proposal.

docket if the proceeding is not as far along. In the interim, SOO Green will continue to work with landowners along the route to minimize the number of outstanding questions for hearing.

In light of the new information from PJM, *SOO Green requests the following schedule:*

6/17/22	Staff Report
7/15/22	SOO Green Testimony
8/15/22	OCA/Intervenor Testimony
8/30/22	SOO Green Reply
9/9/22	Pre-hearing Briefs (optional)
9/20/22	Hearing
10/28/22	Post-Hearing Briefs (approximate – actual date decided at close of hearing)
11/7/22	Post-Hearing Reply (approximate – actual date decided at close of hearing)

As noted above, this proposed schedule adds approximately 12 months to each of the previously proposed dates. SOO Green also notes that recently the Board has been establishing deadlines for intervention; SOO Green encourages that here as well.

In its February 12 *Order Setting Scheduling Conference*, the Board requested the new proposal be a joint proposal from the parties. No interventions have been granted, so the only other party of record is the Office of Consumer Advocate. In accordance with the Order, SOO Green has discussed the proposed schedule with counsel from OCA, and OCA concurs in the proposed schedule.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of February, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 16th day of February, 2021, he had the foregoing document electronically filed with the Iowa Utilities Board using the EFS system which will send notification of such filing (electronically) to the appropriate persons.

/s/ Bret A. Dublinske

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